

Page 39, replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 with the following paragraph:

B) In order to obtain DNA fragments that code for the 80 amino acid residues in human BTC (1 (Asp) through 80 (Tyr) in Figures 10-1 and 10-2 (Unexamined Kokai Application Heisei 6-87894 (EP-A-0555785)), PCR (polymerase chain reaction) was performed using plasmid pTB1505 as the template and two oligonucleotides (5' - ATACATATGGATGGGAATTCCA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 9); 5' - CCGGATCCTAGTAAAACAAGTCAACTCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 10)) as the primer. The product was digested with NdeI and BamHI, followed by fractionation via electrophoresis with 2.0% agarose gel, to isolated the targetted 0.25 Kb DNA fragment. This 0.25 Kb NdeI-BamHI fragment was ligated to the downstream of the T7 promoter of pET-3c using T4DNA ligase, to obtain plasmid pTB1516 (See Figure 13 of Unexamined Kokai Application Heisei 6-87894 (EP-A-0555785)).

In the Sequence Listing:

Please replace the Sequence Listing of record with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.